



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club

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Our Convention Role Was Appreciated

Windward's chores at the 73rd Hawaii Region Convention in May went off smoothly and efficiently, thanks to some strong planning and a lot of hard work in carrying out those plans.

Despite eye problems that led her to an immediate doctor's appointment and made her unable to take part in the convention, **Karla Redding** did her bit, raking in husband **Vic** to help, picking up the huge food order from Gina's BBQ and delivering it to the Ilima Hotel at the beginning of the convention on Saturday, May 16.

Earlier **Donna Saito**, who was unable to attend the convention because of business travel, bought all the hospitality snack foods and delivered them to the hotel. **Ken Kadomoto** did the same with soft drinks and water and **Russ Lynch** dropped off his donation of beers.

Throughout the convention, our attending members (see picture at right for who they were) worked hard to keep the food displayed for consumption or safely stowed in the refrigerator.

Our members also generously provided significant items for the auctions and raffles. Windward YMCA's donation of four entertainment/dining coupon books really helped. We provided

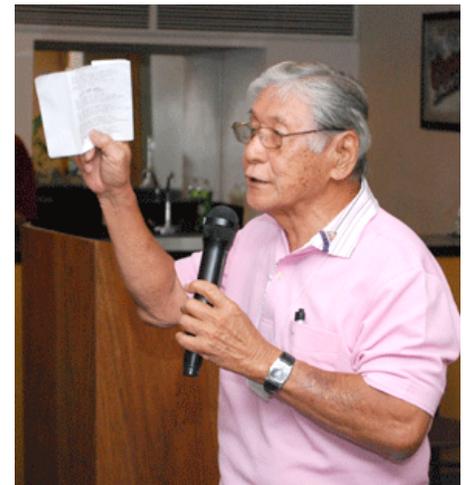
"Y's Guys" to levy "fines" and pick up the dollars and helped wherever we could to make the convention a success.

That included **Jim Kanehira** leading some songs and a little bit of exercise, and **Osamu "Sam" Shoji** doing some magic and also donating one of his marvelous pieces of calligraphy to U.S. Area President **Phil Sammer** of the Central club.

We heard good comments on our main area of convention responsibility, hospitality. Certainly the drinks and pupu gatherings at the Ilima were popular and many of the convention attendees spent some hours there, relaxing after the busy day.

There are many convention pictures available through our club's web pages. The site itself is

unfinished and undergoing a big redesign but the pictures are there at <http://ysmenwin.com>.



Jim Kanehira reminds convention goers of the words to Y's Men's songs before leading them in a refreshing sing-along.



Windward's gang at the 2009 Regional Convention. Standing, from left: **Ken Kadomoto**, **Marion Liu**, **Joe-Ann McCarthy** and **Russ Lynch**. Seated, from left: **Sam Shoji**, **Karel Ling** and **Jim Kanehira**. (Wives **Lillian Kadomoto** and **Gladys Kanehira** attended dinners.)

Date & time changed:
Our next meeting will be at
6 p.m. Monday
July 6 at
Windward YMCA.

Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club 2009/2010

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President: Joe-Ann McCarthy

Vice president: Jim Kanehira

Secretary: Bill Stone

Treasurer: Ken Kadomoto

Members:

Karel A. Ling, Marion Liu,
Russ Lynch, Jack McCarthy,
John Putz, Karla Redding,
Donna Saito, Justin Saito,
Donald Scott, Sam Shoji,
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Hawaii Region News

The next regional convention will be on Kauai, it was decided at the 2009 convention.

The action was taken despite the East Kauai Y's Men's Club's initial reluctance to have the convention on the Garden Island.

The local club felt it just wasn't capable of handling the myriad details that go into the organization of such a statewide function. However, when the Kauai delega-



U.S. Area representative **Wayne Smith**, left, swears in officers for the 2009-2010 year. From left they are **Rick Lau** (Central), regional director; **Russ Lynch** (Windward), regional director elect; **Phil Sammer** (Central), U.S. Area president; **Bob Kuwahara** (West Oahu), regional secretary-treasurer; and **Phil Chun** (Kalihi), Metro District governor. Wayne Smith, from Yakima, Washington, a former Area president, is currently the U.S. Area budget oversight and resource officer.

tion was assured the work would be done by a statewide organization just as it was this year and in 2008, they agreed to be the official host club. Kauai's responsibilities will be limited to scouting out the location and, with support from the convention committee, making the on-site arrangements.

Duke is Chair: West Oahu's **Duke Chung** has agreed to chair the convention committee for the 74th Hawaii Region Convention.

Duke, an active and vigorous leader, is already putting his mind to work on the task and there will soon be convention committee meetings to start nailing down the details.

Conversations with attendees at the 73rd Convention indicated that there was widespread approval of the statewide system.

Windward Events

Under the direction of new President **Joe-Ann McCarthy**, the club's June meeting moved quickly into discussing possible future events.

Keep your eyes and ears open, because some may happen quite soon, in June and July.

One, suggested by **Bill Stone** and supported by his Sunrise Rotary group, is to have volunteers hand out school-supply lists outside, say, Longs, to get people to buy items for needy kids. We can also expect to sell hot dogs, shave ice and stuff at the end-of-summer party at the YMCA. More ideas are in the works.



Osamu Shoji works magic at the convention, with help from **Joe-Ann McCarthy**.

Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven."

—**Matthew 5:43-45**

"Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle."

—**Proverbs 23:4-5**

News from Our "Y"

The Windward Branch will spend about \$100,000 on an upgrade to the swimming pool, which will mean the pool will have to close for a few weeks. Executive Director **Bill Stone** says the most likely time for the closure to start is the second week in August, right after the last summer swim session.

The branch also is continuing to upgrade the equipment in the fitness center.

Meanwhile, the branch board of managers has begun the planning for "Hallo-Wine 2009," the annual wine-tasting and silent auction which has proven to be a significant fund raiser for our Y.

The event will again be at the Koolau Golf Club. This year, because Halloween itself falls on a Saturday, the YMCA event will be the week before, on Saturday October 24.

A Little Religious Humor

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners.

At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked."



President's Message

from Russ Lynch, President 2008-2009

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who so generously gave of their time and energy to help us do our job at the 73rd Hawaii Region Convention. It was obviously a lot of work to get the food and drinks to the hotel and to maintain it, packing it away safely in the refrigerator at the end of each meal or snack time and

arranging it all over again for the next hospitality hour.

I heard plenty of positive comments.

Meanwhile, I was honored to receive your vote to remain on as club president for another year, but after the Convention elected me Regional Director Elect for 2009-2010, it was clear that the requirements of that job, along with the other stuff I have going, would make it pretty hard for me to do justice to the position of president.

Fortunately, on the spot, **Joe-Ann** stepped up, ready, able and willing to take over as president.

My RDE duties begin with a trip to the U.S. Area Council meeting in Santa Barbara, California, in early July. I'll also be going to an RDE training session in Minnesota in November. Along the way, I am also planning a vacation in New Zealand in August, to share my 70th birthday with my twin brother **David**, who coincidentally turns 70 at the same time. (Funny how that happens.)

I am happy to continue as your club bulletin editor and will make a serious effort to get the publication out more often. And I am also continuing to produce the Hawaii Region's publication "The Bulletin Board" and to operate the regional web site.

It has become very clear to me over the years just how rewarding it can be to work for Y'sdom and a large part of that reward is the support and encouragement that comes from fellow members. Thanks!

Aloha, Russ

New Member

At our June meeting, we welcomed a new member, **John Putz**, who was recently appointed associate healthy lifestyles director at our YMCA branch.

John, who has found a place with his wife and kids within walking distance of Kailua Beach, came from Arizona, where he managed a U.S. Postal Service delivery business.

John has many years of executive and program-level experience in YMCAs in Ohio and California, although he has been out of the Y for about 10 years.

Y Exec **Bill Stone** says John is a very willing volunteer who should fit right in with our group.

John's joining gets our club membership back to the total of 17, after we dipped by one

through the loss of another Y staffer, **Diane Sanderson**, who moved to the mainland.

U.S. Area News

The U.S. Area of Y's Men International is taking a serious look at how it might revitalize Y'sdom in North America. The action started with a meeting in Minneapolis in November, which included a "SWOT" session — examining Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.

News from IHQ

Y's Men International will conduct an International Youth Convocation in Yokohama, Japan, August 1-4, 2010. It will be followed by the International Convention in Yokohama, August 5-8. Organizers hope for a strong presence from Hawaii at the convention.

A Visit to Jeju Island, South Korea

From March 27-29 our member in Osaka, **Osamu "Sam" Shoji**, and his wife **Yasuko** were among 11 people from Hanwa Y's Club who went from Japan to visit Jeju Island, South Korea. The occasion was the first international understanding charity tour. Sam is a member of the Osaka Senboku Y's Men's Club as well as the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club. He sent us this story of the trip:

The first day, We went to the Jeju YMCA. The weather was beautiful and we saw many wonderful flowers.

Suddenly, we saw the YMCA building from the car windows. The vice president welcomed us. We watched some children playing game energetically, and we took a picture in front of the YMCA.

The second day, We saw rape blossoms everywhere. We were very surprised. We walked

through a field of flowers. It was so relaxing and enjoyable.

Next, we climbed Harura-san. It's a World Heritage site in a national park. The scenery was beautiful.

Before dinner, we greeted Mr. Miki Hanwabu, the District Governor, for the first time. At dinner time, we had a lively fun time exchanging greetings with the members of the the Juju YMCA.

During the dinner, Mr. Shoji performed a magic show. The name of his trick was "money out". He made money appear and he donated the money. Everyone cheered.

The third day,

We split into groups and did different activities, My wife and I went horse riding and shooting with Mr. and Mrs. Miki. We enjoyed it very much.

The food was delicious and variable every day.

We had a great trip.

Happy ending!



Sam Shoji and wife **Yasuko** enjoying horse-back riding in Jeju, South Korea. Sure looks like fun, doesn't it? This was in March and the always-energetic frequent traveler Sam was in Hawaii just a few weeks later to attend the 73rd Hawaii Region Convention. (For more of the pictures Sam sent us, keep an eye on the club web site, ysmenwin.com.)

Club Calendar

June 8, Monday

7 p.m. Windward YMCA
Monthly club meeting

June 24, Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Kalihi YMCA
Metro District Council Mtg.

July 6, Monday

6 p.m. Windward YMCA
Monthly club meeting

July 7-9, Tuesday-Thursday

U.S. Area Council Meeting
Santa Barbara, Calif.
(Russ attending as RDE)

July 31 to August 2

Asia Area Convention
Colombo, Sri Lanka

August 3, Monday

6 p.m. Windward YMCA
Monthly club meeting

June Focus:

Public Relations

30th Anniversary

In its present form (there was an earlier version) our club was chartered as an official part of Y's Men International on April 5, 1980. That makes us 30 years old this coming April.

Is that grounds for a celebration? Something to think about, at least. Maybe we could have some kind of get-together, even a project such as a working bee at the YMCA branch followed by lunch or dinner. Promote it, among YMCA members at the branch, as both a fund-raiser and a membership recruitment event?

Do something entirely different? Maybe some kind of community work project.

At the very least we should be able to use our 30 years of service to the Y and the community for some publicity.

This is a pretty much unformed thought from your most recent ex-president, without consultation with anyone. Maybe you'd like to give it some thought, though, and we can bounce it around at meetings.

— Russ Lynch

Monthly Meeting Day & Time Are Changed

Starting with our July meeting, our calendar will change. Our regular monthly meeting will be on the first Monday of each month, rather than the Wednesday, and the starting time will move an hour earlier, to 6 p.m. This was decided at the June meeting. New President **Joe-Ann McCarthy** has a difficult time making Wednesday meetings and there was complete agreement that there is no need to stick with what we've doing just because we've been doing it a while. The next meeting, therefore, will be at 6 p.m. Monday July 6, at Windward Y.